

THE CONFEDERATION CENTRE

The Fathers of Confederation Memorial Centre has been constructed in Charlottetown to mark the centenary of the historic Charlottetown Conference. The complex of buildings is located next to the Provincial Building, site of the original Conference.

The Centre consists of five structures, all connected on the first two floors. The theatre, which seats 1,000, provides excellent facilities for drama and dance. Off the concourse is a restaurant, designed for use in conjunction with theatrical events. The art gallery has been arranged to provide maximum display space, and, accordingly, its windows are located at the corners of the building. The museum boasts an archives and a 300-seat lecture theatre. The library is designed for research purposes as well as for general public use.

Centrepiece of the entire complex is to be the Memorial Hall, a sixty-foot square structure with a glass roof of diamond-shaped pyramids. From the Hall, one will be able to enter all other parts of the complex.

The Fathers of Confederation Memorial Centre has provided architects with a rare opportunity to create a centre both commemorative and enduring, housing the cultural and the useful.

The winning design of this imposing structure has been described as of "great imagination and sensitivity, . . . a beautiful expression of the event it commemorates."